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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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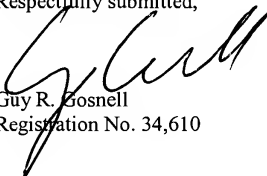
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Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with a copy of each identified document.

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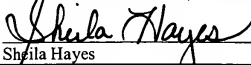
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